

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 362

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Earl Dukes of Smyrna.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Earl Dukes; and

WHEREAS, Earl Dukes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dukes was born on August 15, 1935, to Claude and Rene Dukes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dukes was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Earl Dukes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Donia, for sixty-five years until the time of her passing in 2020; during their later years, it was his constant prayer to outlive her so that he could care for her throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dukes is survived by his two sons, Richard (Marguerite) Dukes and Alan (Mary) Dukes; his sister-in-law, Shirley (Irv) Curry; his brother-in-law, Donald Keenam; four grandchildren, Marissa (Casey) Conrad, Matt Dukes, Meghan (Nathan) Averill, and Samantha (Luke) Harvey; his great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Earl Dukes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Earl Dukes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dukes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.